

# TELEGRAM.

From: District Officer, Canton Island.

To: Magistrate, Gardener, Island.

No. 40

(Date)

22nd January, 1948.

Do you think that the buka trees could be cleared off Nutiran or off any other fair-sized area near the Government Station. How long does it take for buka trees to grow again?

*Pa Gm*

District.

From: Magistrate, Gardener, Island.

To : District Officer, Canton Island.

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24th January, 1948.

Buka trees could be cleared off Nutiran which is near to the Government Station. If "Buka" trees are to be cleared off during dry season "Buka" trees would probably take 2 months to grow again. If "Buka" trees are to be cleared off during wet season "Buka" trees would probably take one month to grow again. "Buka" trees would never grow up again if they were destroyed by fire.

*Pa Gm*

Magistrate.

From: District Officer, Canton Island.

To : Lands Commissioner, Tarawa.

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26th January, 1948.

Your telegram January 10th "Buka" trees. Supervisor Gardener advises that "Buka" cleared in dry season would grow again after about two months in wet season about one month and if destroyed by fire would never grow again. Does this agree with your information? Supervisor confident that "Buka" could be cleared off Nutiran. If due care were taken not to destroy other vegetation by fire this method might be used against "Buka" if effectiveness certain. Grateful your further advice -

*Pa Gm*

District.